

Treasury Department  
Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 1854

Sir,

I have received your letter of Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, with an estimate of the cost (240 dollars) for putting up the steam boiler and constructing a new furnace, and with a statement that sundry other articles are required for the preparation of fusible alloys.

You will please to give an estimate of the cost of each of these articles. And as you state it will be necessary to erect some walls, make an addition to the chimney, and introduce the Schuylkill water into the premises, you will please to give an estimate of the cost of these works. And, as all these improvements are to be made in a private laboratory, you will state how the possession and permanent use of the same, can be best ensured to the United States.

Very Respectfully

J. H. Thompson  
Secretary of the Treasury,

To the

Editor of the

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